

FANTASTIC SPRING TOUR!

Let's Go to The Big Rock Garden Nursery and Gardens of Art

Big Rock Garden Nursery in Bellingham, Washington will be the destination of the NHS tour scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 1990. The bus will leave Seattle and head northward for a visit to this unique and beautiful nursery. Established in 1981 to provide a work experience for handicapped youth, the Big Rock Garden Nursery has become well known for its azaleas, rhododendrons, over 100 varieties of Japanese maples, and other plants of Asian origin. A large collection of ferns, hosta, trillium and other plants for the shady garden provide inspirational plant material for the Northwest gardener.

The setting for this unusual nursery is a two-and-a-half-acre site atop Alabama Hill on the eastern edge of Bellingham, only five minutes from Interstate 5, yet commanding views of Puget Sound, Lake Whatcom and the snowcapped Cascade mountain range to the south. The nursery is, in fact, an extension of the original Japanese garden surrounding the home of George and Mary Ann Drake and was designed by Hiroshi Takaki, a "talented landscaper in Bellingham."

"Seeking out suitable plants" led Takaki and the Drakes to the fascinating variety of Japanese maples grown and displayed there, and to an emphasis on "the naturalistic approach." "Entering the nursery itself though an arch of evergreen with vine maple accents, one encounters a large mossy boulder with a twisted Japanese maple beside it. This has been used in designing the nursery's logo."

Something new was added to the nursery recently, when the "Gardens of Art"



One of the featured works on view at Gardens of Art, Bellingham, Washington, by Seattle artist Barry Herem: "Raven" in curved cor-ten steel, five feet high, \$9,500.

division was created to make available works of art appropriate for a garden setting. They offer fine art for the patio, deck and garden, all displayed to their best advantage in the wooded setting of the Northwest's first outdoor retail sculpture gallery. Artists of international repute, as well as local artists, show their work in an ever changing display; pieces featuring stone, wood, steel, cement, glass, aluminum, bronze and other media impervious to the weather.

Fountains, mobiles, bells and musically tuned wind chimes provide movement and sound in the garden. Art styles range from classical to modern abstractions. Also on view are Ching Dynasty Chinese ceramic vessels and old Japanese stone lanterns, which fit serenely in an Oriental garden or modern Northwest garden.

As you may already be aware, due to a generous offer from Mr. Drake, the NHS receives a contribution of 10 percent from art sold to members and friends. At the

time of the sale, just ask that the donation be made to NHS.

NOTE. Be sure to call in your reservation early, as the available spaces will soon be filled for this very popular tour.

N.B. For a more detailed description of the garden, be sure to read the article by Carl L. Withner in the Winter 1983 issue of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine, which was the source for the phrases quoted above.



1990 LECTURE SERIES

9th Perry Johanson Memorial Lecture:

"In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark"

Robert E. Heapes
Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Robert E. Heapes, photographer, historian, and Lewis and Clark scholar, will take us on a journey "In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark."

Using two screens and four projectors to illustrate his narrative of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean, Heapes takes his audience beyond the familiar theme of Lewis and Clark as explorers and frontiersmen, to show them as the soldier-scientists they were, and to emphasize the contributions they made to botanical science.

His story of their adventure, augmented by botanical notes and illustrations from expedition journals, promises not only to entertain but to expand audience awareness of the achievements of these legendary heroes.



Hardy Fern Foundation

NHS recently awarded the newly organized Hardy Fern Foundation a grant of \$5,000, to be used as seed money to assist with the establishment of a demonstration and display garden at the Rhododendron Species Foundation Garden at the Weyerhaeuser Corporate Headquarters in Federal Way. A satellite test garden will be located at the New York Botanical Garden.

The organization proposes to establish a comprehensive collection of the world's hardy ferns for public education, horticultural display, hardiness testing, scientific study and the preservation of rare and endangered species. Their goal is to establish the largest living display of hardy ferns in the world. Such a collection would be an asset to Northwest horticulture.

NHS looks forward to enjoying the realization of the organizing committee's vision. Northwest members of that committee are: Mrs. Hugh Baird, Mrs. Joseph Carman III, Mrs. Phil Duryee, Mrs. Garrett Horder, Mrs. Thomas Dalby, Mrs. Arthur Kruckeberg, Mrs. Jeannette Kunnen, Mrs. Harry C. Olsen, Jr., Richard Piacentini and Martha Robbins. The two remaining committee members, both from the New York Botanical Garden, are Dr. John Mickel, Curator of Ferns, and Joseph Beitel, Horticultural Taxonomist.



Upcoming Events

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| April 5 | NHS Lecture
7:30 p.m. at CUH
Robert E. Heapes: "In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark" |
| April 16 | NHS Annual Meeting
10 a.m. at CUH
<i>Complimentary Lecture</i>
Dr. Arthur Kruckeberg:
"Plants of Japan—Tame and Wild"
Election of Officers, Light Refreshments |
| April 27-28 | Seattle Garden Club Horticulture Exhibit, Flower Show & Boutique
Wintergarden at Bellevue Place, Bellevue Way and 8th NE, Bellevue |
| May 10 | NHS Tour
Big Rock Garden Nursery and Gardens of Art |
| May 31, June 1-2 | NHS Fern Festival
Lecture, Garden Tour, Sale and Display of Ferns |
| June 19-22 | American Horticultural Society
Stouffer-Madison Hotel |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Meeting

This year, our Annual Meeting will be highlighted by a complimentary speech by Dr. Arthur Kruckeberg, entitled "Plants of Japan—Tame and Wild." Dr. Kruckeberg undertook the research for this paper during a recent study trip to Japan which was partially funded by a grant from NHS.

All Northwest Horticultural Society members are invited to attend the festivities on Monday, April 16, 1990, at 10 a.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, for what we believe will be a most worthwhile meeting.

The election of officers will be followed by a party with light refreshments.

Please join us.

Most sincerely,
Nell Scott, President

Fern Festival 1990

The 1990 NHS Fern Festival is scheduled for May 31, June 1 and 2, with the opening event a lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at the Center for Urban Horticulture. The featured speaker will be Barbara Joe Hoshizaki, author of The Fern Grower's Manual, whose lecture will address the subject of "Special Places for Special Ferns." Mrs. Hoshizaki, an Emeritus Professor of Botany, Los Angeles City College, and Research Associate-Curator of Ferns, U.C.L.A., studied at the University of California, Berkeley, and at U.C.L.A. Her major research area concerns Staghorn ferns.

On Friday, June 1, at 10 a.m., there will be a tour to the Poulsbo garden of Mrs. Garret Horder. In addition to ferns, this beautiful garden has an outstanding collection of bonsai and other choice plant material.

The sale and display of ferns will be held at the Center for Urban Horticulture on Friday afternoon, June 1, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sue Olsen and the Fern Festival Committee invite you to enjoy this exciting, multifaceted event.

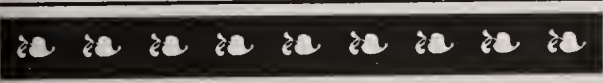
Seattle Garden Club Exhibition

The Seattle Garden Club, a member of the Garden Club of America, will present its biennial Flower and Horticulture Exhibition Friday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Wintergarden in Bellevue. The three-day event opens on Thursday, April 26, with a Preview Cocktail Party benefitting the Wetherill Nature Preserve (\$30 by reservation). Admission is free both Friday and Saturday.

The exhibition will be competing for three Garden Club of America awards. Members will compete in eleven classes of various horticulture exhibits, as well as seven classes of flower arranging. There will also be six classes of photographic competition. A boutique, selling flower and garden related items, will be open during the exhibition.

A special slide show of the Wetherill Nature Preserve will be on display. The Seattle Garden Club has a very strong focus toward conservation, and has chosen this 16-acre preserve near Yarrow and Hunts Points as their beneficiary for this event.

Diana Neely (Mrs. Michael Neely) is Chairman of the exhibition.



Proudly We Hail

Congratulations are in order for Theodore (Ted) R. Marston and George W. Waters who were elected Fellows by the Garden Writers Association of America. Ted Marston is a member of the NHS Board and served as Editor of the quarterly NHS Newsletter. He is past president of the Garden Writers Association of America and for 10 years was publisher of *Plants Alive*. His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Sunset*, *Flower & Garden* and *Family Circle*. George Waters, celebrated editor and photographer for *Pacific Horticulture*, has become familiar to NHS members since *Pacific Horticulture* became a regular membership component in 1987. We take great pleasure in the achievements of these two talented gentlemen.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee submitted its proposed slate to the NHS Board for referral to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 16. The slate includes:

- President* Mrs. James R. Scott
- First Vice President* Mrs. George Davis
- Second Vice President* Miss Lynn Sonneman
- Third Vice President* Mrs. Lucas de Clerq
- Recording Secretary* Mrs. William Gorman
- Corresponding Secretary* Mrs. Joseph Manning
- Treasurer* Mrs. Ward Doland
- Past President* . . Mrs. Herschell Boyd

Trustees nominated for the 1990-1993 term are:

- Mrs. Don G. Abel
- Mr. Richard Allen Brown
- Mrs. Phil Duryee
- Mrs. Charles T. Fitzgerald
- Mrs. William Gorman *
- Karen Carlson Iffert
- Mrs. Richard Lankford*
- Mr. Ted Marston *
- Mrs. James Pigott *
- Mrs. David Pinkerton
- Mrs. Leo A. Sherer
- Mrs. Thomas Youell

* *Second three-year term*

Nominated to complete the unexpired term (1989-1992) of Mrs. Archie McLean is Mrs. John A. Moore.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Mrs. H.D. Hayward, included Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Mrs. Lucas de Clerq, Mrs. Ward Doland, Mrs. Chauncey Hazen and Mrs. Andrew Price.

Looking Ahead...To the Plant Sale

The date has been set! The 1990 NHS Fall Plant Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Agna de Clerq, Plant Sale Chairman, invites participation of all NHS members.

In order to make this sale a record-setting success, she needs *your* help! Just ask yourself, "WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE THIS SALE EQUAL TO OR EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR'S SALE?"

So, take part and have fun doing it! Sign on now! Call the NHS office, (206) 527-1794 and leave your name. If a machine answers, don't hang up...please.

☐ **YES — I want to help the 1990 NHS Plant Sale achieve unprecedented success!**

Name

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

A partial list of needs to be met:

☐ Sales

☐ Hospitality (sale and/or meetings)

☐ Set-up

☐ Other (you name it, we probably need it!)

☐ Brains

☐ Gopher (before, after, and/or during Sale)

☐ Muscle

☐ Finances

☐ Special Mailings

☐ PR/Advertising

☐ Take-down

Mail to: NHS, Isaacson Hall, University of Washington, GF-15, Seattle, WA 98195

More Re: Seed Exchange

By Emily Moore

Those of you who have been reluctant to venture into the intimidating realm of "growing from seed," must wrestle with your fears, "Take arms (trowels) against a sea of troubles (self-doubts) and by opposing, end them!" (with apologies to Shakespeare).

The NHS Seed Exchange list is an inspirational document, conjuring up visions of faraway gardens, plants with melodic names, and visions of new frontiers, all brought home to your garden. To be sure, most seed orders from the 1990 NHS Seed List already have been placed and the orders filled, but the Committee has agreed to bring to the Annual Meeting, Apr. 16, some still-available seed that might encourage even the most timid among us to try our hand. The Committee also offers "How-To" booklets to comfort us in our fledgling efforts, and to assure us that with patience and determination, successes *are* possible!

So, *give seeds a try!* Join the growing number of enthusiasts who order regularly and who eagerly await the arrival of those intriguing packets, which have been sorted, packed and shipped by the oftentimes unsung heroes of the NHS Seed Exchange Committee. Their monumental efforts deserve all our praise, so "Thank you," to Sylvia Duryee (Chairman), Marjorie Baird, Jane Blogg, Renee Hill, Jean Johanson, Marion Kohn, Maureen Kruckeberg, Sue Olsen, Jean Sutherland and Shelley Duryee. Thanks, too, to Brian O. Mulligan for verification of plant names, and to Renee Hill and Nancy Nestor for layout and computer work on the Seed List.



Company's Coming

American Horticultural Society delegates will be arriving in Seattle for their annual Congress in mid-June. The Northwest Horticultural Society's Board of Directors will host a Delegate's Reception to welcome them on Tuesday, June 19, at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel, where the AHS meetings will be taking place.

PlantSearch

We have another inquiry to direct to the NHS membership for an elusive but interesting plant. Mrs. Joseph Carman III would like to locate a source for *Gaultheria Hispidula*. If you know where it might be available, please call or write the NHS Office, Isaacson Hall, University of Washington, GF-15, Seattle, WA 98195. (Telephone: 206-527-1794.) Thank you!



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